

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND THE REAGAN-UDALL FOUNDATION FOR THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3743, the "Supporting the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration Act," bipartisan legislation I'm proud to co-lead with Rep. Hudson.

The Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) and the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are exemplary models on how to align public and private partners around a common cause, to advance breakthroughs in biomedical discoveries.

The FNIH organizes key research partnerships to address critical issues of our time such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and global health. Since its formation in 1990, the FNIH has established the Accelerating Medicines Partnership program, the Biomarkers Consortium, the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative, and the GeneConvene Global Collaborative. Most recently, the FNIH helped to address the pandemic by launching and coordinating the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines initiative in partnership with numerous government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and biopharmaceutical companies. This initiative played a significant role in speeding the availability of the highly effective Moderna mRNA vaccine.

The Reagan-Udall Foundation creates robust public-private partnerships to advance research and innovation, enhance medical decision-making, and empower patients and advocates. The Foundation also helps patients navigate clinical trials, benefit from the expanded access process, and participate in Listening Sessions with the FDA to provide their personal insights about the challenges of living with a specific disease.

H.R. 3743 ensures that these foundations continue to have the resources needed for their important work. This legislation increases the amount of funding the NIH and the FDA can transfer and allocate to their respective foundations.

These foundations make contributions to biomedical research every day and I'm pleased to co-lead H.R. 3743 and urge my colleagues to support it.

DR. RACHEL HERLIHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Rachel Herlihy, State Epidemiologist for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for her dedication and service to the people of the State of Colorado. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Herlihy went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about COVID-19, including by participating in many Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Dr. Herlihy has served the constituents of Colorado in her role since 2015. During our Telephone Town Halls, Dr. Herlihy provided timely updates on COVID-19 and answered constituent's questions regarding how to protect themselves and their families during an uncertain time. Her insights and knowledge were invaluable to my office and my constituents.

It is because of local heroes like Dr. Herlihy that our state has been able to protect its residents and keep our community safe. I thank Dr. Rachel Herlihy for her service and her sacrifice during this difficult time, and I look forward to continuing to work with her as we continue the fight against COVID-19 and its variants.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY ZACHARY BELLINGHAM

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valiant and brave actions of Deputy Zachary Bellingham of the Craven County Sheriff's Office.

On October 1, 2021, Deputy Bellingham sustained life-threatening injuries while serving in the line of duty. Following his injuries, Deputy Bellingham was taken to Carolina East Medical Center and then airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville to receive emergency surgery. Deputy Bellingham has continued his rehabilitation at Shepherd Medical Center in Atlanta, where he has shown strong perseverance in his recovery. I am hopeful that as a man of deep valor and courage he will quickly recover.

The conduct and actions of Deputy Bellingham embodies the values of a true American hero. His brave actions on that fateful day highlight the very best of our law enforcement and all that they do to protect their communities. I am also grateful for the immense support offered by those in the community as Deputy Bellingham continues with his recovery.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Deputy Bellingham for his commitment to protecting those in his community and wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ELAINE ROGERS, CEO OF USO-METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank former USO-Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore CEO Elaine Rogers for her service to our community and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Elaine was first hired by the USO-Metro chapter in 1976 and was quickly elevated to the role of Executive Director the following year.

Over the course of her remarkable career, she led the expansion of the USO-Metro to support 29 military installations across the National Capital Region.

For her tireless dedication to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, Elaine has been recognized by the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force with service awards and medals.

I don't know anyone with the same energy and dedication as Elaine Rogers. I first met Elaine in 2007 as she annually brought the USO to Cincinnati, where thousands came together to support our troops.

Elaine is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, and I know she is looking forward to spending more time with her family in retirement.

She has served with diligence and integrity throughout her distinguished career. She is the ultimate patriot, and as they say, a real "Yankee-Doodle Dandy."

I thank Elaine again and wish her the best in her retirement. A grateful Nation salutes her.

CELEBRATING THE WALL LAS MEMORIAS REDEDICATION CEREMONY

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I am here today to honor The Wall Las Memorias, a community health organization in California's 34th congressional district that is dedicated to serving Latino, LGBTQ+, and other underserved residents.

This World AIDS Day, The Wall Las Memorias will rededicate their AIDS Monument to commemorate 40 years of the HIV

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epidemic and to celebrate the monument's renovation, which includes the addition of more than 1,000 new names of community members we have lost to AIDS.

The Wall Las Memorias AIDS Monument is the only publicly funded AIDS monument in the country. Its rededication marks a momentous occasion in my district, honoring the community members we lost to the HIV epidemic and highlighting the efforts of those who have fought to end it.

Today, we stand with our local and international community and show our support to the people living with HIV. It is estimated that over 38 million people worldwide are living with the virus, which means that there is still work to be done to advance awareness, prevention, inclusion, and equity to ensure better health for all people affected by HIV and AIDS.

I would like to thank The Wall Las Memorias Project for rededicating this monument on World AIDS Day as well as providing resources and support to those that are disproportionately affected by the virus.

Let us continue to remember those we have lost to AIDS and support those currently living with HIV. May our community find comfort in celebrating life on World AIDS Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 96TH ANNUAL TREK TO THE NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sanger Chamber of Commerce's Annual Trek to the Nation's Christmas Tree Ceremony at Kings Canyon National Park.

The General Grant Tree, growing in the Kings Canyon National Park, is said to be over 1,650 years old. On April 28, 1926, at the request of the citizens of Sanger, the General Grant Tree was dedicated by the Federal Government as the Nation's Christmas Tree.

Thanks to the dedication and interest from the great residents of Sanger, the Nation's Christmas Tree is renown across the country and the world. Sanger, California, was recognized as the Nation's Christmas Tree City by the Post Office Department on October 1, 1949.

The General Grant Tree is a constant reminder of the sacrifices of the men and women of the Armed Forces who have served, fought, and died to keep our nation free. This national shrine preserves the spiritual, human, and civil rights upon which America was founded.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Sanger Chamber of Commerce in celebration of the 96th Annual Trek to the Nation's Christmas Tree.

HEALTH BILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of seven bills that originated in the Health Subcommittee of Energy & Commerce. I'm proud of my Subcommittee's bipartisan work on these critical bills which tackle hard problems, including substance use treatment, vaccine access, and the social inequities that result in poor health outcomes, especially for mothers and people of color.

Two of the bills we're considering help address the overdose crisis our nation currently faces. According to the CDC, overdose deaths spiked after the start of the pandemic. There were 93,000 overdose deaths in 2020, a 30 percent increase from the year prior, making 2020 the deadliest year for overdoses on record, with synthetic opioids the primary driver of the overall increase in overdose deaths across America.

H.R. 2355, the "Opioid Prescription Verification Act of 2021," enables HHS and the CDC to help combat this urgent overdose epidemic by facilitating responsible, informed dispensing of controlled substances. I thank my colleagues Reps. RODNEY DAVIS, GUS BILIRAKIS, and ANN WAGNER for authoring this legislation.

H.R. 2364, the "Synthetic Opioid Danger Awareness Act," directs the CDC to conduct a public awareness campaign on the dangers of synthetic opioids and available treatments. It also requires the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to make educational materials for first responders about synthetic opioid exposure prevention. I thank my colleagues Reps. ANDY KIM and CHRIS PAPPAS for authoring this legislation.

The next three bills aim to ensure that every American, no matter their age, race, or income, are empowered to receive the "dose of hope" from vaccine protection. As we've seen during the pandemic, there are lifesaving benefits of safe, effective, and free vaccines.

H.R. 951, the "Maternal Vaccination Act," helps to enhance maternal health care quality and outcomes. It authorizes \$2 million annually for the next four years to increase awareness of the importance of combatting vaccine-preventable infection diseases during pregnancy. In the United States, pregnant women and infants are disproportionately susceptible to complications of infectious diseases such as influenza and whooping cough. Available vaccine data shows that vaccinations against these diseases confer protection to both mothers and newborns with no increased risk of adverse effects on pregnancy outcomes, and they are highly recommended by the CDC. I thank my colleague Rep. TERRI SEWELL for authoring this legislation.

H.R. 550, the "Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021," will create a national policy framework and provide resources to improve immunization information systems allowing for better management of routine vaccinations and enhancing our public health response to future pandemics. I thank my colleagues Reps. ANN KUSTER and LARRY BUCSHON for their leadership authoring this legislation.

H.R. 1550, the "PREVENT HPV Cancers Act of 2021," will create a national CDC public awareness campaign targeted to communities with the lowest HPV vaccination rates to increase vaccinations and prevent HPV cancers. I thank my colleague Rep. KATHY CASTOR for her leadership authoring this legislation.

The final two bills address social inequities that result in poor health outcomes and hurt the most vulnerable amongst us.

H.R. 4026, the "Social Determinants of Health Data Analysis Act of 2021," calls for a GAO report on the HHS Secretary's actions to help inform Congress' next steps in addressing the factors that are at the heart of the health disparities across the country. I thank my colleagues Reps. MICHAEL BURGESS and LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER for authoring this legislation.

H.R. 3894, the "CARING for Social Determinants Act of 2021," directs the HHS to provide guidance to states on how to address social determinants of health through Medicaid and CHIP. I thank my colleagues Reps. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER and GUS BILIRAKIS for authoring this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to vote for these bills and I thank the members of the House Health Subcommittee and the bipartisan sponsors of each bill for their good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 30, 2021 for Roll Call Vote 387 and Roll Call 388. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 387 and Yea on Roll Call Vote 388.

TRIBUTE TO DR. STEVE AARON WILSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a life-long educator who has had a tremendous impact on the students of South Carolina. It is my honor to congratulate Dr. Steve Wilson, as he retires after more than 50 years of service to public education. He leaves a legacy of excellence that will continue to benefit future generations.

Dr. Wilson was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, the oldest of nine children born to Aaron and Lugenia Wilson. From an early age, his parents instilled in him the importance of education to rise above the modest means of his childhood. Dr. Wilson graduated from McCrorey-Liston High School in Blair, South Carolina, where he excelled in academics and athletics.

He was able to secure scholarships, work study, financial aid and student loans to pay for his higher education at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. There he earned a degree in biology and built friendships and relationships that lasted throughout his life.

While a student, he joined the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and I am proud to call him a brother.

Immediately after graduating in 1972, Dr. Wilson was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served on active duty for two years before joining the Reserves. He rose to the rank of Major and served as Personnel Officer of his battalion. His military service lasted a total of 15 years, and provided him significant opportunities to travel and learn from people with different backgrounds and experiences.

Following his active duty military service, Dr. Wilson returned to his high school to teach science and agriculture. At the same time, he used the GI Bill to earn a master's degree in agriculture from Clemson University. While teaching, he became interested in school leadership, and began studying for an Ed.S. in School Administration at Winthrop University. He later transferred to South Carolina State University, where he completed an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership in 2001.

In addition to beginning his career as a teacher at his alma mater, Dr. Wilson served in the administrations of Winnsboro/Fairfield Central High School, Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, Newberry High School, W.J. Keenan High School, and Richland School District One. Today, he serves as Superintendent for Calhoun County Public Schools, from which he is retiring after eleven years of service.

His accomplishments include being named the first Black principal of Newberry High School where he served for six years and oversaw the school's strong academic performance. While serving as principal of Keenan High School, Dr. Wilson was named South Carolina Principal of the Year in 2003. He oversaw the school becoming the first Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) School in the district while partnering with the University of South Carolina's Engineering School. Keenan High School was also named a Palmetto's Finest High School for the State of South Carolina, and the school, which serves a disadvantaged population, made school history with 15 Black students attaining a 100 percent pass rate on the AP Math exam.

In 2010, he became Superintendent of the Calhoun County School District, which was rated At Risk on the District's Report Card. Within two years, he led the district to an Excellent rating. He oversaw the district's purchase of digital devices for every student from 3rd through 12th grades, and was named South Carolina Superintendent of the Year in 2017 for his accomplishments.

During his career, Dr. Wilson served on various committees including the Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League, the Education Oversight Committee, and the State's Summer Leadership Conference Committee. He also received the Governor's Order of the Silver Crescent in 2004 and was named an outstanding graduate from the School of Leadership at South Carolina State University the same year. This year, Dr. Wilson was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

Dr. Wilson is married to his high school sweetheart, Teresa Hendrix Wilson, who also taught high school students for thirty years. They have two children, Teresa and Steven, and three granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in celebrating the tremendous work of Dr. Wilson. He exemplifies a commitment to service and a champion of education. His example has been a beacon for many students that have had the opportunity of learning in classrooms, schools, and districts under his leadership. Dr. Wilson's reach is immeasurable, and I wish him all the best as he embarks on the retirement he so richly deserves.

DANIEL CHASE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Chase, Chief of Staff at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) for his dedication and service to the people of the State of Colorado. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Daniel went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about unemployment benefits, including by participating in many Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Under Governor Hickenlooper's office, Daniel served as a Citizen's Advocate and then was brought on by CDLE as a Special Assistant to the Executive Director. In his time at the department, he has held many roles and now serves as the Chief of Staff in the Executive Director's office. During our Telephone Town Halls, Daniel provided timely updates and answered constituent questions about unemployment benefit programs related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Colorado.

It is because of local heroes like Daniel that our state has been able to support individuals and families during this unprecedented time. I thank Daniel Chase for his service and sacrifice during this difficult time, and I look forward to continuing to work with him as we work to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SEAMAN SECOND CLASS
CHARLES LOUIS "SONNY BOY"
SAUNDERS

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Navy Seaman Second Class Charles Louis "Sonny Boy" Saunders of Winnie, Texas. Seaman Saunders was serving aboard the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37) on the morning of December 7, 1941. Tragically, the *Oklahoma* sustained 429 casualties during the attack on Pearl Harbor, claiming Mr. Saunders' life. After eight decades, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has identified Seaman Saunders' remains. This year, he will be reinterred in his hometown on the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Saunders was born to Mortimer Alvin and Melina Falke Saunders on October 16, 1923; He was the sixth child and one of four

boys. His oldest brother, Adam, passed away at just 13 months. He grew up with his sisters Lillie Mae, Mary Alice, Sadie Lee, and Anna Belle along with brothers Sidney "Buddy" Edward and Mortimer Virgil.

The Great Depression led to difficult times as his father worked in construction and labored in rice fields to provide for his family, while his mother cared for the home and raised their children. Mr. Saunders' younger sister, Anna Belle, always spoke of her brother's compassion, and how he sacrificed so she could have shoes for her daily walk to school. He could not bear to see his little sister struggle in any manner.

His kind, caring, and playful nature fueled his ambition to serve our nation. On November 23, 1940, one month after his 17th birthday, he joined the U.S. Navy. Not only did he possess a deep desire to defend our country, but he also had great determination to make a better life for his parents and siblings.

On December 7, 1941, Japanese aircraft launched an attack on the American fleet of battleships moored at Pearl Harbor, thrusting the United States into the Second World War. After Seaman Saunders' warship capsized because of damage from multiple Japanese torpedoes, his whereabouts were unknown. According to a casualty roster of the *Oklahoma* compiled two weeks after the attack, Seaman Saunders' status was labeled as "missing" but later amended to "killed in action."

Those who perished aboard the USS *Oklahoma* were buried at two different cemeteries: the Halawa and Nu'uuanu Naval Cemeteries in Hawaii. Most of the remains were recovered during salvage operations but were unable to be identified before their interment, and therefore, they were buried as "unknowns."

In recognition of his service, Seaman Saunders was awarded a Purple Heart for military merit and three ribbons for American Defense, American Campaign, and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign. However, these awards seemed to be a lost memory uncovered after family members found his commendations carefully tucked away in a box left inside his mother's old sewing machine.

As the last living sibling, Anna Belle was committed to bringing her brother home and laying him to rest at the gravesite their parents prepared for him years ago at Fairview Cemetery in Winnie, Texas. In 2015, the DPAA was given authority to exhume the unknown remains of the servicemen associated with the USS *Oklahoma* and to reexamine them using advanced forensic technology. It was at this point that the military contacted Anna Belle. She worked tirelessly to gather and provide DNA of family members to help identify her brother's remains.

Unfortunately, she passed away on July 19, 2019, but never lost hope that her brother would one day return home. She prayed her unwavering mission would be continued by those who survived her, and it was. On February 11, 2021, the Saunders family received word that their long-lost relative had finally been found and identified.

Madam Speaker, Seaman Second Class Charles "Sonny Boy" Saunders' arrival in Winnie, Texas, will be welcomed by many relatives, friends, and fellow patriots. On the 80th anniversary of his passing, Mr. Saunders will be buried alongside his parents with full military honors. May God continue to bless this family for their long record of service and sacrifice to our great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN
ROSENBAUM

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere gratitude and best wishes to a highly valued member of my staff who after almost 9 years will be departing my office this week. After previously working in the Senate, Ben Rosenbaum, a Florida Gator, joined my team as a Senior Legislative Assistant and worked his way to Deputy Chief of Staff. Anyone who has known and had the pleasure of working with Ben during his fourteen years in public service can attest to his depth of knowledge, breadth of commitment, and unflappable positivity. No one knows transportation and nuclear waste issues like Ben. Nevada is fortunate to have had Ben protecting its interests and serving its people. He will be sorely missed by all of us who wish him the best on the next leg of his journey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 387 and YEA on Roll Call No. 388.

FRANCIS PADILLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Francis Padilla, District Director of the Small Business Administration (SBA) in Colorado for her dedication and service to the people of the State of Colorado. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Francis went above and beyond by participating in many of my Telephone Town Halls to educate my constituents about small business support and resources.

Francis has served the constituents of Colorado in her current role since 2017. As District Director, she is responsible for directing the expansion and delivery of SBA's various loan and business training services throughout the State of Colorado. Prior to her current position, she was the Deputy District Director where she led the Entrepreneurial Development and Lender Relations divisions in the Colorado office and managed the agency's relationships with financial institutions, resource partners, local government officials, and economic development organizations. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Diana provided timely updates related to small businesses relief programs and made herself available to my staff and my constituents around the clock. Her insights and knowledge were invaluable to my constituents and small businesses in our communities.

It is because of local heroes like Francis that our state has been able to support small businesses and keep many of them afloat during this unprecedented time. I thank Francis Padilla for her service and her sacrifice during this difficult time, and I look forward to continuing to work with her as we work to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR WILSON
"EDDIE" BARBER OF EMERALD
ISLE, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a devoted public servant in our community who will retire at the end of this year, Mayor Wilson "Eddie" Barber of Emerald Isle, North Carolina. A selfless and dedicated minister and town Mayor, Mr. Barber has been in the service of others for the past 40 years.

Beginning in 1969, Mayor Barber commenced his service as a minister performing services throughout eastern North Carolina until 2015. Nearing the end of his ministerial years, Mayor Barber soon devoted his career to public service, where he served as a member on the Emerald Isle Land Use Steering Committee and Emerald Isle Planning Board from 2004 until 2013. Concurrently, from 2009 until 2013, he served as Vice-Chair of the Planning Board. During this time, Mayor Barber was a tenured and established public servant with many accomplishments under his belt and a name recognized by everyone in Emerald Isle.

After years of civil service on municipal boards and committees, Mayor Barber was elected Mayor of Emerald Isle in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. Currently, Mayor Barber is a member of the Carteret County Tourism Development Authority, and was the past Chair of the Down East RPO, and past Chair Person of the Crystal Coast Mayors Association. He has also been involved with the Emerald Isle Business Association, Hope for the Warriors, and served on the Board of Directors of Methodist University. As a tenured mayor, Mayor Barber was able to allocate \$37 Million towards beach re-nourishment initiatives at no expense to tax payers. He and the board also made sure to work closely and diligently to keep Emerald Isle's reputation as a welcoming and family friendly beach town. This was all accomplished through several hardships that struck the community such as Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Dorian, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble man and wishing Mayor Eddie Barber a happy retirement from his life of public service.

HONORING MARK LARET

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Laret, retiring President

and Chief Executive Officer of the University of California San Francisco Health and a treasured friend. The San Francisco Giants recently announced that Buster Posey is retiring. For those who understand Mark Laret and his role at UCSF Health, the departure of Mark is equally earthshaking.

Mark Laret is a 1980 Regents Scholar graduate of UCLA. He earned his Master's in Political Science from the University of Southern California. He joined UCLA Medical Center in 1980 and worked his way up the ranks, and then transferred to UC Irvine. After Irvine, he came to UCSF and never left.

Mark arrived at UCSF Health after a disappointing attempt to merge with Stanford Health. At a time when the two organizations decided to end their merger, and many saw UCSF Health as the weaker partner, Mark took an \$86 million deficit at the merged entity and produced a turnaround for UCSF Health. It wasn't easy, and he later remarked, "I think when you are faced with a very difficult turnaround situation, the first thing you do is listen, and let people vent, hear them out—hear their take on what went wrong, and what caused the issue . . . [hear] what they're proud of about the place they work, what they think those strong core assets are. What do they want to see change, what's their hope for the future?" What faculty and labor wanted was new management.

A new executive team was recruited, and it operates under what Mark calls PRIDE (Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Excellence). UCSF's commitment to quality patient care, operational efficiency, deep employee engagement, and health equity were formalized. Although it would take another 14 years, equity remained a core value and was made concrete when UCSF acquired Oakland Children's Hospital, now known as UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland. A new capital campaign to update that campus has begun.

UCSF Health also focused on regional care and an expansion of research. To expand its research capacity, Mark and his board created an entirely new and state of the art campus at Mission Bay. From the remains of railroad tracks and industrial decay, UCSF Mission Bay rose to offer globally competitive research space and hospitals that serve the entire San Francisco Bay Area. \$1.6 billion was needed by an institution that only a few years earlier was teetering on the edge of financial ruin. Mark is a visionary, and philanthropists from throughout the Bay Area supported that vision with \$600 million in donations, matched by \$700 million in borrowing and other funds. Today, the Mission Bay campus includes Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco, Bakar Cancer Hospital, Betty Irene Moore Women's Hospital, and the Ron Conway Family Gateway Medical Building. From birth to passing, relying heavily upon one of the globe's premier research and training programs, UCSF Health provides first rate health care for the people of our region.

I have known Mark Laret for decades dating back to my years in the state legislature where we worked together after the unwinding of the Stanford merger. The first district that I represented in Congress had the UCSF Parnassus campus at its outer boundary. I was thrilled and spoke regularly to Mark and his leadership team about the vision for UCSF

and its role in the Bay Area. He was an especially important advisor during our consideration of the Affordable Care Act. He was always laser focused on providing the best possible care for as many Americans as possible while maneuvering the complex financing of our health care system.

UCSF is a health machine built to fight a global pandemic. From early research into the technology that led to the vaccines to testing capacity and early healthcare directives, having UCSF Health in San Francisco fighting SARS-CoV-2 and its deadly progeny, COVID-19, likely saved thousands of lives in our region. Mark Laret has been the voice of authority, compassion, and leadership during this crisis and in every discussion about quality health care reform. In the many years that he has advised me, he was always trustworthy, informative, and persuasive. I have the deepest respect and admiration for his intellect and integrity.

From a small research and treatment campus on a hill and a few isolated campuses elsewhere, to a bustling regional powerhouse and global standard setter, UCSF Health prospered tremendously under the tenure of Mark Laret. After 21 years at the helm of this prestigious healthcare institution, it's now time to say goodbye to an historic leader. Let it be known that a humanitarian is retiring who can now spend more of his time with his beloved wife Jan Laret and their son Parker and daughter Casey. His duty having been accomplished with grace, his rest is justly earned.

RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1ST AS WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize December 1, 2021, as World AIDS Day. This is the 33rd year that the world will come together to raise awareness about preventive measures for HIV and AIDS.

World AIDS Day has been observed globally since 1988, bringing attention to the HIV epidemic and speaking out against the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS. This day is a call to end the HIV epidemic in the United States and across the globe. This year's theme of "Ending the HIV Epidemic Equitable Access. Everyone's Voice" emphasizes the significance of working together to achieve an AIDS-free generation. Recent progress for prevention and treatment tools provides us with the unprecedented opportunity to end the epidemic.

Since 2010, deaths from HIV/AIDS have fallen by 48 percent in the United States, but we still have work to do. We must continue to educate and spread awareness about HIV and AIDS prevention measures. Of the approximate 1.2 million people living with HIV in the United States, 13 percent do not know they have HIV. It is imperative to implement programs at the local level to diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond to HIV. Together, we can end this.

This is also a time to remember those we lost to HIV-related illnesses. The actions of groups across the country have helped bring

us closer to our common goal. This year, the Rio Grande Valley's own Basilica of Our Life San Juan del Valle will be commemorating the lives lost to HIV/AIDS and marking the 30th anniversary of this event founded by Francisco Mendez.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the hard work of those in South Texas and across the world to end the HIV epidemic and to recognize December 1, 2021, as World AIDS Day.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join residents and city leaders past and present in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Royal Oak, Michigan.

On November 8, 1921, residents voted to adopt a city charter, turning the then Village of Royal Oak into the City of Royal Oak. At that time, they elected a mayor and a city commission, who brought the City of Royal Oak to life. The first Mayor of Royal Oak, George Dondero, had previously served the Village of Royal Oak, and later went on to be elected to the 73rd United States Congress.

Over the past century, the City of Royal Oak has undergone a far-reaching transformation, and today is an energetic city filled with businesses, attractions, and almost 60,000 residents. It is now the eighth largest city in Oakland County and has been recognized as one of the most exciting, safest, and best places to live in Michigan. Royal Oak is home to a wonderful public library, Oakland Community College, the Detroit Zoological Park, Beaumont Hospital, and more than 50 public parks for all to enjoy. The City has made significant initiatives towards diversity and inclusion, towards green infrastructure and environmental friendliness, and towards supporting the many small businesses in Royal Oak. On a personal note, Royal Oak is special to my family for another reason—my father, former U.S. Representative Sander Levin, is a longtime resident of the City and, like me, was proud to represent its residents in Congress.

I have no doubt that the next century will bring continued achievements, growth, and prosperity to the City of Royal Oak and its people, and I invite my colleagues to join me in commemorating the centennial of this vibrant community in Michigan's Ninth District.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ROBERT JAMES HANSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert James Hanson, a resident of La Honda, California, a beloved Menlo Park merchant and a longtime friend.

Bob Hanson was born in Kansas on November 17, 1953, to Vivian and Robert Han-

son, and died on October 4, 2021, in Palo Alto, California. He is survived by his wife, Katie and his three children, Maddie, R.J. and Mathew. He is also survived by his mother, 3 siblings, his beloved granddaughter Agnes and many nephews and nieces.

Bob was a graduate of the University of Kansas and while in college worked at Mister Guys, a job that led him to a successful career in the clothing business. Bob and his wife Katie met while they were both working at the Ralph Lauren store in the Stanford Shopping Center. Bob said they were "struck by the entrepreneurial spirit" and in 1990 they founded Afterwards, a pioneering clothing consignment shop located in the heart of the Menlo Park business district. They later expanded into an adjacent property to sell home furnishings.

Those who knew Bob describe him as warm, friendly, engaging and classy, a wonderful man who always made time to chat. He had exceptional taste, a gentle smile, charm and was always ready with a quick witicism. He was the consummate businessman who always made his clients feel welcome and appreciated. He was all of this and more.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the entire Hanson family. It is my hope that these words and those of so many others will bring solace to them as they grieve the loss of this wonderful man.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE HONORS DAN MALDONADO

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, in every generation, there are people whose names may not make the paper every day, but whose actions and legacy make an immeasurable impact felt by the entire community. Dan Maldonado is one of those people. In honoring him, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute is recognizing his lifelong dedication to public service and his trailblazing record, and ensuring that his contributions are remembered for generations to come.

If there's one word that can describe Dan, "vision" comes to mind. He was one of the first—if not the first—Latino Chiefs of Staff in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also helped create the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO). These groups have grown from their humble roots to become leaders in amplifying the organized voices of Latino public officials and cementing the Latino community's place in the public sphere. In large part, we have Dan to thank for that.

Dan's service didn't end with Capitol Hill. He also worked in the Carter Administration as the Director of Legislation for ACTION/Peace Corps, helping to promote America's image abroad and cultivate our country's next generation of leaders.

There is one story in particular that highlights the kind of person Dan is. In 1982, he served as the Chief of Staff for Latino Congressman Edward Roybal from Los Angeles.

That term, the AIDS epidemic began taking hold in Southern California. While many were fearful and even dismissive, Congressman ROYBAL knew that a public health response was required. Working with Dan, he offered an amendment to procure Congressional funding for AIDS research at the National Institute of Health. Through controversy and criticism, Dan stood behind Congressman ROYBAL's amendment, which passed and proved critical to addressing the disease.

Proposing and standing behind the amendment was neither the obvious nor the popular thing to do. It was just the right thing to do, and Dan did it. That's the kind of person and leader he is. Our country is a better place because of his contributions.

I Congratulate Dan on this wonderful and well-deserved honor.

COMMEMORATING NOVEMBER 29TH AS THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, the United Nations General Assembly has designated the 29th of November for the annual observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. It was on November 29, 1947 that the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine.

On November 29, 2021, in recognition of the Palestinian people and this annual observance I issued the following statement that I include in the RECORD:

Today, the world reflects on the condition of the Palestinian people who struggle under a brutal military occupation, barely survive under a cruel blockade, exist as second-class citizens inside Israel, and live in exile far from their homeland. The fundamental human rights all people seek, the rights that ensure safety and security, elevate human dignity, and promote peace and opportunity for the future, have been systematically denied to the Palestinian people for nearly eight decades. The international community has a moral obligation, and I personally feel this obligation, to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine—defending their human rights, promoting their right to self-determination, and working tirelessly for a path forward toward justice, equality, and freedom for all Palestinians.

And, standing in solidarity with the Palestinian people, I call on the State of Israel to end its military occupation, end its illegal settlement expansion and annexation of Palestinian lands, and end its blockade of Gaza. I also call on the international community, including the U.S. government, to end policies that maintain the status quo, allowing for passive acquiescence to Israel's systematic designed and executed actions to deny the Palestinian people a future in their own homeland. It is time for the world community, especially the Biden administration, to take demonstrable steps toward holding all state and non-state actors in this conflict accountable to internationally recognized standards while working for a diplomatic outcome that will achieve peace, security, and a future of hope and opportunity for Pal-

estinians, Israelis, and all people in the region.

I am proud to stand in solidarity with the mothers and fathers, the elders, and the children of Palestine. And, pledge to continue to work in partnership with the Palestinian people to build a future of hope and opportunity for today and tomorrow.

CELEBRATING TULARE HIGH SCHOOL'S FFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tulare High School's Agricultural Issues team for winning the prestigious 2021 National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Leadership Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hosted by the National FFA Organization, the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Leadership Development Event is a competitive event that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To compete in the national competition, teams must first design a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to multiple audiences in their community. Teams must then incorporate the feedback received from their local community into their presentation to the judges at the Leadership Development Event.

Raised in California's San Joaquin Valley—the most productive and abundant agriculture region in the world—Tulare High School's Agricultural Issues team was uniquely placed to learn from the world's preeminent farmers in preparation for the Leadership Development Event, including the Tulare County Farm Bureau, the Board of Directors at Harris Ranch, and other local community service clubs. Their national championship victory is a reflection of the determined work ethic and love for farming that defines Tulare County and the greater San Joaquin Valley community.

Congratulations to team members Aidan Champagne, Duncan Champagne, Avery Coelho, Emma Coelho, and Madeline Lew, and their coaches, Jennifer Sousa, and Dave and Krim Caetano. The Central Valley is proud of their tremendous accomplishment.

SAINT ANDREWS SOCIETY TOAST

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Monday I was grateful to attend the annual meeting of the Saint Andrews Society of Columbia, SC where William Brunson DePass, III, was elected President. The traditional toast to the President was provided by John McCabe, a fellow graduate of valued colleague, Tim Burchett's Bearden High School Class of 1982, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF COLUMBIA ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 29, 2021, FOR-EST LAKE CLUB

I have been bestowed the honor of offering a toast to his honor, The President of the United States of America, Joe Biden.

In order to prepare for this prestigious task, I sought advice from my neighbor across the street, John Brandon.

Brandon Advised me to be of the utmost comportment, elevate all comments to the highest level, and offer the toast with the greatest of respect. Good Advice

Therefore, Gentlemen, I offer a hearty health to the Honorable Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., The President of the United States of America!

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE CORWIN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Bruce Corwin, who passed away on November 4, 2021.

Bruce was born on June 11, 1940, alongside his twin sister Bonnie. He grew up in Southern California, where he attended Los Angeles High School, and then went on to attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Bruce returned home to become the third generation in his family to operate Metropolitan Theatres Corporation, a company founded by Bruce's grandfather in 1923 which operates a variety of multiplexes, theatres, and historic properties across Southern California. Most of their locations are in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, with another location opening right along the coast in San Clemente in my congressional district later this year. In recent years, Metropolitan Theatres has even expanded to Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

Beyond his role as a motion picture exhibitionist, Bruce was notably a valuable member of the community. He was famous around town for his license plate that spelled "P-E-O-P-L-E," which perfectly explained his dedication to public service.

Bruce previously served as Treasurer under former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley during Bradley's entire 30-year political career. He continued to serve the community on multiple boards and with numerous organizations such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Health Foundation and Coro Southern California.

Bruce and his wife, Toni, were married for 54 years and together they have two sons, David and Danny, and five grandchildren.

Bruce Corwin lived an incredible and full life. He was a dedicated husband, parent, philanthropist, and friend—but most importantly an essential part of the community. I had the pleasure of knowing Bruce not only as a friend, but also as a mentor for over twenty years. We are grateful for his dedication and contributions to the entire Southern California community.

DIANA HERRERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana Herrero, Deputy Director of the Division of Disease Control and Public Health Response at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) for her dedication and service to the people of the State of Colorado. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Diana went above and beyond to engage, educate and inform the community about COVID-19, including by participating in many Telephone Town Halls with my office and thousands of my constituents.

Diana has served the constituents of Colorado as a public health professional for more than 18 years in legislative and regulatory policy, immunization and emergency preparedness program management, strategic planning, and performance management. In addition to her leadership role at CDPHE, Diana made it a priority to provide timely updates on COVID-19 and answer constituent's questions regarding how to protect themselves and their families during an uncertain time. Her insights and knowledge were invaluable to my office and my constituents.

It is because of local heroes like Diana that our state has been able to protect residents and keep our community safe. I thank Diana Herrero for her service and her sacrifice during this difficult time, and look forward to continuing to work with her as we continue the fight against COVID-19 and its variants.

**AMERICAN CYBERSECURITY
LITERACY ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4055, the "American Cybersecurity Literacy Act," bipartisan legislation I coled to educate the American public about basic cybersecurity issues.

Cyberattacks and data breaches are increasingly common, costing private companies and consumers billions of dollars and exposing the private information of countless Americans. As attackers become more sophisticated, Americans must have the tools to identify risks and protect themselves from attacks.

This bipartisan legislation requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an agency within the Department of Commerce, to conduct a public education campaign to improve cyber literacy of the American populace by providing information about common cybersecurity risks and best practices that can mitigate those risks.

During the Energy and Commerce Committee markup of the legislation, I offered an amendment to make several technical and minor edits to the legislation to ensure the language is as effective as possible. One of those changes ensures that the cyber literacy campaign required by the bill also encourages Americans to install cybersecurity patches associated with software and apps they use. Installing patches is one of the most effective tools consumers can use to protect themselves. When companies offer updates to their software and apps, they often include code that "patches" recently identified vulnerabilities. Cyberattacks are often conducted by exploiting known vulnerabilities and consumers can avoid their systems being exploited by installing patches as soon as they're available.

I thank Rep. KINZINGER, Chairman PALLONE, and Ranking Member MCMORRIS RODGERS for their partnership on this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 2, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED**DECEMBER 6**

6 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a closed briefing on U.S.-Russia policy.

SVC-217

DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth

To hold hearings to examine promoting competition, growth, and privacy protection in the technology sector.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Parisa Salehi, of the District

of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, and Brian Michael Tomney, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports

To hold hearings to examine challenges posed by ocean shipping supply chains.

SR-253

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine closing Guantanamo.

SD-226

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Capitol Police following the January 6th attack on the Capitol.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine U.S.-Russia policy.

SD-G50/VTC

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies.

SD-406

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security

To hold hearings to examine protecting kids online, focusing on Instagram and reforms for young users.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. policy on Taiwan.

SD-G50/VTC

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing violence in Native communities through VAWA Title IX special jurisdiction.

SD-628

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kurt D. DelBene, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

SR-418

DECEMBER 9

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal efforts to address PFAS contamination.

SD-342/VTC